

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
Welker et al.	§	
Serial No.: 10/598,732	§	Group Art Unit: 3663
Confirmation No.: 9557	§	
Filed: September 8, 2006	§	Examiner: Breier, Krystine E.
For: Marine Seismic Survey Method and System	§	
	§	Atty Dkt.: 14.0248-PCT-US
	§	(WGEC0108)
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2010**

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 7, 2011, please enter this amendment and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

The excess claim fees have been paid via EFS Web. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0108, for any other fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.